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REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-8, 11, 12, 14-17, 19, 20, 22-27, 29-33 and 35-40 are pending in the present application, along with newly presented claims 41-46. Reconsideration of the rejected claims is respectfully requested. The Examiner has rejected claims 1-3, 5-8, 11, 12, 14-17, 19, 20, 22-27, 29-33 and 35-40 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Baur et al. for the same reasons set forth in paragraph 6 of the previous Office Action, mailed May 24, 2002.

The Baur et al. reference does not disclose using dextrin in a batter coating and does not disclose using a dry particulate starch component coating. Currently amended claims 1 and 24 have been amended to claim a dry particulate starch component coating. In addition, new claim 45 claims a dry particulate starch component. Moreover, new claims 41-44 and 46 require a slurry that includes a dextrin. Also, Applicants have filed along herewith a Request for Continued Examination and an extension for response within fourth month.

CONCLUSION

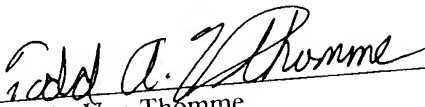
All pending claims, claims 1-3, 5-8, 11, 12, 14-17, 19, 20, 22-27, 29-33 and 35-40, and newly presented claims 41-46, are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowability is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes a telephonic interview would be of assistance, or if there are any remaining informalities, please contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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